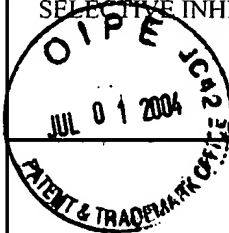

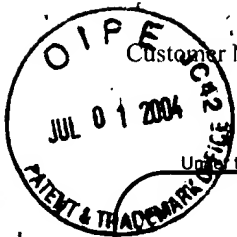


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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed January 22, 2004, and the Advisory Action mailed June 17, 2004, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following remarks and amendments. A petition to extend the time for response to the Office Action for three months, from April 22, 2004, to July 22, 2004, is being submitted concurrently herewith. In the event that one is not, applicants hereby make such petition and authorize the office to charge deposit account 23-0455 the required amount, or any amount required for an additional extension of time. Applicants have also submitted a Request for Continued Examination herewith.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of the claims which begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.